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PARAGRAPH 6: CHILD MARRIAGE

1B. Underage marriage is not known to be a significant phenomenon in Oman. There are no limits for the age of marriage. Although not unheard of, it is uncommon for children to marry before the age of eighteen. In addition, the free and easy access to education in Oman ensures that all but a few children complete secondary schooling.

 $\P C$. There are currently no USG-funded initiatives in Oman that address the issue of child marriage. It is unlikely that any programs would be needed. BALTIMORE